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**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2007
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING**

A meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order at 8:50 p.m., Chair Katz presiding. Commissioners present: Alster, Edens, Marraffa, Schlichting and Sesma. Staff present: City Manager Humpton, Planner Patula, City Attorney Borten and Executive Assistant Stokes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Schlichting, seconded by Commissioner Edens, that the minutes of a Historic District Commission meeting held January 16, 2007, be approved.

Vote: 6-0

CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

- **HAWP-100A, Applicant: Kathryn Schumacher, 105 Russell Avenue, Request for Tree Removal**

Motion was made by Historic District Commissioner Sesma, seconded by Commissioner Alster, that the Historic District Commission, GRANT APPROVAL OF HAWP-100A AND ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, FINDING, BASED ON THE RECORD BEFORE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC) AND FOR THE REASONS ARTICULATED BY HPAC, THAT THE APPLICATION MEETS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR STANDARD ONE AND THE BROOKES, RUSSELL, WALKER HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES.

Vote: 6-0

- **HAWP-107, Applicant: Holly Kerodin, 105 Meem Avenue, Request for Fence Installation**

Commissioner Sesma questioned the suggestions from speakers Mary Jo LaFrance and Elizabeth Johnson during the HPAC meeting of April 5, 2007. It was suggested that the alley be included in any abandonment proceedings. It was also stated that the back-to-back fences were unsightly and made suggestions for the replacement and timing for installing the new fence. Planner Patula responded that both the HDC and HPAC had no authority to address the abandonment issue and remove the fence which is on City owned land. She stated that the matter would come before the Mayor and City Council after an application has been filed. City Attorney commented that an application has been submitted and the abandonment process has already begun. In regards to the fence installation, Planner Patula stated that the applicant would move forward with the replacement of the fence and agreed to remove one side later, if necessary.

Motion was made by Historic District Commissioner Sesma, seconded by Commissioner Schlichting, that the Historic District Commission, GRANT APPROVAL OF HAWP-107 AND ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, FINDING, BASED ON THE RECORD BEFORE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC) AND FOR THE REASONS ARTICULATED BY HPAC, THAT THE APPLICATION MEETS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR STANDARD ONE AND THE CHESTNUT/MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES.

Vote: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Historic District Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris R. Stokes

Executive Assistant